

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 8, and 10-15 remain in the application and claims 1 and 8 have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1, 5, 8, and 12-15 under 35 USC 102(b), as being anticipated by Miwa.

Features of the present invention are to divide each of the three rows of keys of a QWERTY keyboard in a leading portion including the keys of the left side of the row and a following portion including the keys of the right side of the row. The following portion is arranged below the leading portion as shown in Fig. 3 of the present application, for example.

According to the present invention the first row of the QWERTY keyboard is divided in a left portion including the QWERT keys and in a right portion including the YUIOP keys, and the YUIOP line is arranged below the QWERT line.

Independent claims 1 and 8 have been amended to recite these features of the present invention.

Looking at the rows of Miwa in Fig. 6 we see that they are arranged differently from the rows of the presently claimed invention. The first row of Miwa includes the QETUO keys and not the QWERT keys, as taught by the present invention and as recited in amended independent claims 1 and 8.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claims 1 and 8, and the claims depending

therefrom, are not anticipated by Miwa.

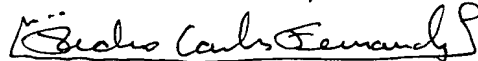
Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 3, 4, 10 and 11 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Miwa in view of Whitcroft.

Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1, and claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 8, respectively, which for the reasons stated above are submitted to be patentable distinct over Miwa and, because there are no features in Whitcroft that somehow could be combined with Miwa and result in the presently claimed invention, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3, 4, 10, and 11 are patentably distinct over Miwa in view of Whitcroft.

Entry of this amendment is earnestly solicited, and it is respectfully submitted that the amendments made to the claims hereby raise no new issues requiring further consideration and/or search, because all of the features of this invention have clearly been considered by the examiner in the prosecution of this application and because the present amendments serve only to further define and emphasize the novel features of this invention.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

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